

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend paragraph [0021] as follows:

[0021] SRA 235 is a switching module that includes integrated switch 245 that includes the functions of both a TDM cross-connect system and a packet switch. In one embodiment, integrated switch 245 is a combined TDM/PDU fabric system with an overlaid synchronous frame structure on a packet-based switch fabric. For example, a synchronized timing overlay establishing a frame of timeslots on which to send cells of data, whether TDM or PDU, could be used with a cell/packet-based switching fabric. To provide the deterministic switching necessary for TDM traffic, the synchronous timing overlay would work in conjunction with a pre-scheduling procedure that results in conflict-free scheduling of TDM traffic. For more information on a synchronous frame structure overlay, see U.S. Patent Application No. [[__/ __, __,]] **10/728,466**, entitled "TDM Services Using a Packet-Switched Fabric," filed concurrently herewith **on December 5, 2003**, and assigned to the same assignee, and incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend paragraph [0034] as follows:

[0034] The switching system of system 400 provides routing for signals to and from line cards 431 and 432, and for server cards 441 and 442. For more information on a server cards, see U.S. Patent Application No. [[__/ __, __,]] **10/728,656**, entitled "Virtual Tributary Processing Using Shared Resources," and U.S. Patent Application No. [[__/ __, __,]] **10/728,646**, entitled "Packet Processing Using Shared Resources," both filed concurrently herewith **on December 5, 2003**, assigned to the same assignee, and both incorporated herein by reference.